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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Antioch:

Pastor ----- Rev. J. L. Norris, La Crosse, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Willie Harris, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.

Beulah:

Pastor ----- Rev. J. E. Newton, Sanderson, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Miss Elma Thomas, Rt. 2, Box 286, Starke, Fla.

Brooker:

Pastor ----- Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
 Clerk ----- J. K. Douglas, Brooker, Fla.

Boatdrain:

Pastor ----- Rev. Curtis C. Harris, Green Cove Springs, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Mrs. Mattie Griffis, Starke, Fla.

Corinth:

Pastor -----
 Clerk ----- T. N. Norman, Rt. 2, Box 111, Starke, Fla.

Dedan:

Pastor ----- Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
 Clerk ----- E. E. Stokes, Brooker, Fla.

Evergreen:

Pastor ----- Rev. H. M. Tillman, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- J. P. Sullivan, Lawtey, Fla.

Gadara:

Pastor ----- Sgt. Walter E. Spencer,
 18 Estey Street, St. Augustine, Fla.
 Clerk ----- W. C. Hall, Lake Geneva, Fla.

Graham:

Pastor ----- Rev. M. T. Knight, Maxville, Fla.
 Clerk ----- J. H. Surrency, Graham, Fla.

Heilbronn:

Pastor ----- Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Starke, Fla.
 Clerk ----- J. S. Norman, Lawtey, Fla.

Hope:

Pastor ----- Rev. R. V. Hogarth, Palatka, Fla.
 Clerk ----- C. Sullivan, Rt. 1, Box 75, Starke, Fla.

Kingsley Lake:

Pastor ----- Rev. H. M. Tillman, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- B. C. Starling, Green Cove Springs, Fla.

Lawtey:

Pastor ----- Rev. G. E. Cutshaw, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- J. L. Harrell, Sr., Lawtey, Fla.

New River:

Pastor ----- Rev. Truby Parrish, Santa Fe, Fla.
 Clerk ----- R. H. Green, Jr., Brooker, Fla.

North Pleasant Grove:

Pastor ----- Rev. Joseph Bell, Alachua, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Toney Blackwelder, La Crosse, Fla.

Pine Grove:

Pastor ----- Rev. C. F. Hooker, Rt. 3, Box 252, Gainesville, Fla.
 Clerk ----- W. C. Carr, Rt. 3, Box 189, Gainesville, Fla.

Raiford:

Pastor ----- Rev. William Wilson, Raiford, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Miss Melba Yarborough, Raiford, Fla.

Starke:

Pastor ----- Rev. L. D. Haines, Starke, Fla.
 Clerk ----- S. E. Sparks, Starke, Fla.

Water Oak:

Pastor -----
 Clerk ----- Frank Norman, Starke, Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Antioch—S. S. Supt.	John Hargrove, Brooker, Fla.
Brooker—S. S. Supt.	L. L. Parker, Brooker, Fla.
Boatdrain—S. S. Supt.	Ralph Gainey, Starke, Fla.
Corinth—S. S. Supt.	T. N. Norman, Rt. 2, Box 111, Starke, Fla.
Dedan—S. S. Supt.	E. E. Stokes, Brooker, Fla.
Graham—S. S. Supt.	Mrs. Rachel Starling, Graham, Fla.
Hellbronn—S. S. Supt.	E. J. Harris, Raiford, Fla.
Hope—S. S. Supt.	Mrs. W. D. Garrett, Theressa, Fla.
Kingsley Lake—S. S. Supt.	T. L. Saunders, Kingsley Rt., Starke, Fla.
Lawtey—S. S. Supt.	J. T. Prevatt, Lawtey, Fla.
New River—S. S. Supt.	R. R. Andrews, Lake Butler, Fla.
N. Pleasant Grove—S. S. Supt.	R. F. Gallup, Alachua, Fla.
Pine Grove—S. S. Supt.	Leroy Tenley, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
Raiford—S. S. Supt.	M. E. Tompkins, Raiford, Fla.
Starke—S. S. Supt.	P. M. Barefoot, Starke, Fla.
Water Oak—S. S. Supt.	Frank Norman, Starke, Fla.

OFFICERS OF THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

S. E. Sparks, Moderator	Starke, Fla.
J. T. Harris, Associate Moderator	Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
T. B. Pinholster, Clerk and Treasurer	Brooker, Fla.
J. T. Harris, Moderator of Fifth Meeting	Gainesville, Fla.
Rev. William Wilson, Assn. S. S. Supt.	Raiford, Fla.
J. F. Parrish, Assn. B. T. U. Director	Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
Mrs. W. C. Carr, President W. M. S.	Gainesville, Fla.

Executive Committee: H. M. Tillman, A. J. Thomas, J. L. Silcox, D. R. Redding, J. T. Harris, Roy Neal, S. E. Sparks, T. B. Pinholster.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"Foreign Missions"	Starke Church
"State Missions"	Pine Grove Church
"Home Missions"	Beulah Church
"Christian Education"	Raiford Church
"Temperance"	Kingsley Lake Church
"Baptist Children's Home"	Lawtey Church

ASSOCIATIONAL MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—J. T. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kirby, Mrs. R. T. Hargrove, Mrs. M. L. Cason, Mrs. F. R. May, J. F. Parrish.
BEULAH—N. C. Wainwright, Irene Wainwright, Ernest Moody, Doris Moody, Grace Norris.
BROOKER—H. B. Crosby, C. A. Crosby, T. B. Pinholster.
BOATDRAIN—Arnold Griffis, Mrs. Mattie Griffis.
CORINTH—Walter Underhill, Margie Underhill, Floyd Crosby.
DEDAN—Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carlton, C. F. Padgett.
EVERGREEN—Rev. H. M. Tillman, J. S. Sapp, J. B. Gaskins.
GADARA—Sgt. and Mrs. Walter E. Spencer.
GRAHAM—L. G. Hemmingway, Berry Dyal.
HEILBRONN—Perry Newsome, J. M. Norman.
HOPE—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Brooking, Mrs. Swindle.
KINGSLEY LAKE—J. L. Silcox, Burton Rosier.
LAWTEY—G. E. Cutshaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. H. B. Arwood, Mrs. J. P. Wyrick.
NEW RIVER—By Letter.
NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—Rev. Joseph Bell, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gallup.
PINE GROVE—F. J. Thomas, Mrs. C. C. Black, Mrs. C. H. Neal, Mrs. C. M. Davies, Mrs. Dozer Dowling, Mrs. H. M. Lovett.
RAIFORD—Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. Alice Cason, Mrs. Conner, John Yarborough, Mrs. Lillie Jones.
STARKE—S. E. Sparks, Rev. L. D. Haines, Mrs. Alma Hough.
WATER OAK—J. M. Rosier.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. A. Crosby	Brooker, Fla.
W. M. Lawhon	Brooker, Fla.
J. L. Norris	La Crosse, Fla.
Curtis C. Harris	Green Cove Springs, Fla.
J. E. Newton	Sanderson, Fla.
L. G. Hemmingway	Starke, Fla.
H. M. Tillman	Lawtey, Fla.
J. D. Overstreet	Lawtey, Fla.
M. T. Knight	Maxville, Fla.
R. V. Hogarth	Palatka, Fla.
R. J. Gomes	Starke, Fla.
G. E. Cutshaw	Lawtey, Fla.
Truby Parrish	Santa Fe, Fla.
Joseph Bell	Alachua, Fla.
P. Q. Cason	Alachua, Fla.
C. F. Hooker	Rt. 3, Box 252, Gainesville, Fla.
Sim Whatley	Deland, Fla.
William Wilson	Raiford, Fla.
L. D. Haines	Starke, Fla.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the New River Missionary Baptist Association and shall be composed of accredited messengers who are members of constituted churches and of such others as may be invited to a seat by the consent of the body. An accredited messenger shall be one who has been duly elected by his church as a messenger or alterrate. Others eligible, to be invited to a seat shall be members of the constituted churches, who may be enrolled to make a number equal to the quota allowed that church. All pastors of the churches in the Association shall be enrolled as messengers but only those holding membership in constituted churches of the Association shall be eligible for office.

Article 2. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty members. Any church wishing to sever its connection with this body may be allowed to do so upon an application duly made to the Association while in session, and a letter granted thereon. All members of standing committees shall be honorary members of this Association.

Article 3. Churches are expected to send with their messengers letters to the Association, containing an account of their state, particularly of the additions and diminutions of the past year, and other statistics of interest, together with full statistics of the Sunday School under their charges. The letter should show what churches are doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad, and generally whatever relates to their own peace and prosperity; and with them each church should forward money for the printing of the minutes and also for their contributions for missions.

Article 4. Baptist churches desiring admission into this body shall petition by letter and messengers, and on giving satisfactory evidence of their being sound in their faith of the Gospel, and correct in practice, may be received by a vote of the Association; and the Moderator, in behalf of fellowship.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Associate Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen by separate ballot. These officers shall be elected at the opening session of the annual meeting.

Article 5, Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be composed of nine members. The Moderator, the Associate Moderator, the Clerk-Treasurer of the Association being members and officers ex-officio. The other six members to be named by the Nominating Committee of the Association.

Article 6. We acknowledge the independence of particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, and therefore we would disclaim all power of making laws for them under any pretext whatsoever, but deem it our duty to disown any church that we may consider unworthy of our fellowship.

Article 7. This association will be governed while in session by regular and proper rules and every motion made and seconded shall command attention of the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 8. Every question asked in the letters from the churches must be based on Scriptures, and may relate to faith, practice and

church discipline, but the same shall not be taken under consideration except by a majority vote of the body.

Article 9. Churches composing this Association shall be entitled to as many copies of the minutes of its proceedings as the money sent up with the letters calls for, but each constituent church shall have at least one copy.

Article 10. When a church shall neglect to make a communication to the Association for at least three years it shall be considered as having withdrawn and shall be dropped by a vote from the minutes, unless two or three members of the Association request its continuance and will engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what they think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the Gospel in the world, and to give the best advice possible in case of difficulty, and to inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messenger at the annual meeting.

Article 12. This Association, when convenient, shall appoint the time and place of next annual meeting—taking into account the convenience of the churches and the interest of the same. This Constitution may be altered from time to time as experience may suggest by two-thirds vote of those present, but notice of such change shall be given at the annual session previous to the anticipated change.

MINUTES

OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WHICH CONVENEED WITH RAIFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 18, 1944

9:45 A. M.—Brother J. T. Harris led in song service after which Rev. William Wilson, pastor of the host church, read John 10:1-16, and led in Devotions.

10:00 A. M.—Rev. C. A. Crosby, Assistant Moderator, declared the session in order for the transaction of business.

After the organization of the session, it was moved and carried that the Association proper be composed of the messengers now enrolled and also those that should be enrolled during the session.

Upon motion the program was adopted, after which the Moderator named the following Committees: "Nominating"—Rev. H. M. Tillman, J. L. Silcox, C. A. Crosby; "Recommendations"—Rev. Curtis C. Harris, Rev. G. E. Cutshaw, Rev. William Wilson; "Resolutions"—F. J. Thomas, Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Mrs. F. R. May; "Honored Dead"—Rev. L. G. Hemmingway, N. C. Wainwright, Mrs. Alma Hough.

10:15 A. M.—Brother S. E. Sparks was elected Moderator, Brother J. T. Harris was elected Assistant Moderator and T. B. Pinholster was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Brother and Mrs. Walter E. Spencer and Mrs. George were welcomed from sister associations. Rev. Dewey Mann, state worker, and Rev. R. C. Moore, missionary from Chile were also welcomed as visitors.

Rev. Joseph Bell, pastor of N. Pleasant Grove, Rev. William Wilson, pastor of Raiford Church and Rev. L. D. Haines, pastor of Starke Church, were welcomed as new pastors in our Association.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, 1944, at 3 P. M., a Council of Baptist Brethren was called together for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church in the Boatdrain community near Starke, Fla. Rev. C. A. Crosby was elected Moderator of the Council and T. B. Pinholster as clerk. Rev. L. G. Hemmingway, Rev. L. D. Haines, Rev. C. C. Harris, E. B. Shipman, M. O. Harrell, Ernest Harris, Len Harris, L. B. Sullivan, James B. Rosier, J. L. Silcox, L. A. Rennolds, S. E. Sparks, Miss Bon Thomas, Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Miss Rachel Sasser, and Mrs. S. E. Sparks were enrolled as members of the Council. Several of the applicants who wished to become members of the Church had letters of dismission from other Baptist Churches. A larger number of the applicants had no letters of dismission from other Baptist Churches but were received or accepted by "statement". The "Church Covenant" and "Baptist Articles of Faith" were read by Brother S. E. Sparks and accepted by the applicants. Upon motion the applicants were organized into what is now known as the Boatdrain Missionary Baptist Church.

10:25 A. M.—At this time Messengers from the Boatdrain Church were present and asked to be admitted into the New River Association. Upon motion the Boatdrain Baptist Church was admitted into the Association and the right hand of Christian Fellowship was extended to the Messengers presenting the application for membership.

10:45 A. M.—The report on our Baptist Children's Home was

read by Rev. L. D. Haines. The report was adopted.

At this time Rev. William Wilson read the "State Mission" report which was adopted.

The "Home Mission" report by Pine Grove Church was read and adopted.

The "Foreign Mission" report by Antioch Church was read by Mrs. May and adopted.

At this time Rev. R. C. Moore, missionary from Chile, made a short talk concerning our missionary efforts and successes in South America. After the address by Brother Moore, Rev. L. D. Haines led in a prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude to God for our successes and blessings in our missionary work.

The roll call of the Churches was made and Rev. William Wilson and Rev. Ray Walden were appointed to read the Church letters. The reports from the Church letters were encouraging and some of the reports showed substantial gains over last year's reports.

11:45 A. M.—Rev. Dewey Mann, our state worker, was present and preached the Missionary sermon. Brother Mann spoke concerning mission, evangelization, stewardship and our "Centennial Crusade."

Following the sermon by Brother Mann, the congregation was led in song by Brother J. T. Harris. During the song service a free will offering of \$23.01 was presented by the congregation.

12:30 P. M.—Adjournment—Refreshments served at the church.

1:30 P. M.—Rev. L. G. Hemmingway read Acts 1:5-11 and led in Devotions.

1:45 P. M.—The W. M. S. report was read by Mrs. Hough and adopted.

The Brotherhood Report was next on the program, but no Brotherhood Report was presented. As reported by the different Church Letters, we have no regular organized Brotherhood work in our Association.

At this time the report on "Temperance" was read by Mrs. Arwood and adopted.

The report on "Christian Education" was next for consideration, but no written report was presented. Dr. Allen was the appointee on the program to discuss "Christian Education", but Dr. Allen was not present. An oral report was made by the clerk of the Association and adopted.

Brother J. T. Harris, chairman of the Finance Committee reported that \$64.00 had been presented by the churches during the session. The report was adopted.

The report on "Our Honored Dead" was read by Mrs. Hough. Rev. L. G. Hemmingway led in a special prayer of dedication. The names of those listed in the report will be found in our minutes on a special page dedicated to their memory.

2:40 P. M.—The "Nominating Committee" made the following report: Next meeting place—Brooker Church; Executive Committee—H. M. Tillman, A. J. Thomas, J. L. Silcox; D. R. Redding, J. T. Harris and Roy Neal, together with the Moderator, Associate Moderator and the Clerk-Treasurer. The report was adopted.

Rev. Curtis C. Harris made a short oral report for the "Recommendation Committee". The report was adopted.

The "Resolution Committee" presented a report thanking the

host Church for its kind cooperation and friendly hospitality, also for the beautiful flowers and delicious lunch. Words of appreciation were extended to Rev. R. C. Moore and Rev. Dewey Mann for their words of encouragement. Thanks to God for granting us this day of Christian fellowship and words expressing a desire to move forward during the coming associational year were also included in the report. The report was read by Brother F. J. Thomas and adopted.

A short oral report for the Executive Committee was made by Rev. L. G. Hemmingway. The report was adopted.

Upon motion the Clerk was requested to write a letter of appreciation to Brother W. K. Jenkins for his work as Associational Sunday School Superintendent. Brother Jenkins was an active worker in our Sunday Schools until he moved from our Association.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

It was moved and carried that \$100.00 of our funds now on hand be sent to the Cooperative Program.

Upon motion the Treasurer was requested to present \$25.00 to Boatdrain Church for building purposes.

It was moved and carried that the salary of the Clerk be raised from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for the Associational year.

Rev. William Wilson read a report on our Sunday School work in our Association. The report was discussed by Rev. J. L. Norris and adopted.

Upon motion Rev. William Wilson was named Associational S. S. Leader for the ensuing associational year.

At this time the Brotherhood report was requested for further consideration. Rev. L. G. Hemmingway made a short oral report which was adopted.

The Moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to the host Church for its friendly hospitality and cooperation. After the rising vote of thanks and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet with Brooker Baptist Church on Wednesday following the third Sunday in October 1945.

S. E. SPARKS, Moderator

T. B. PINHOLSTER, Clerk and Treasurer

REPORTS

HOME MISSION REPORT

October 18, 1944

Ten new missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board in October have brought the total personnel to more than 500, the largest number ever in the direct employ of the Board.

This expansion of the Board's work to meet the gigantic mission responsibilities in the South was made possible by continued increase in offerings, according to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer.

"The increase of \$241,193.65 in this nine-month period," Dr.

Lawrence said, "is more than the entire receipts for the year ten years ago."

New appointments include 6 for the Spanish field in Texas and New Mexico, 2 for rural work in Missouri and 2 for Latin work in Tampa, Fla.

Thirteen Baptist ministers received chaplaincy commissions the past month, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work. With eight new Baptist chaplains going into service in the Army and five in the Navy, Dr. Carpenter reported that the Navy is asking Southern Baptists to supply 100 additional chaplains in 1944 and the Army is requesting fifty.

Over 100,000 mission study books published by the Board have already been sold in 1944, according to Rev. Joe W. Burton, secretary of education. This total includes sales of 35,000 copies of a new series of six books on Indian missions published this year. In September, Rev. L. W. Martin, superintendent of schools of missions, reported that close to 100,000 Baptists were enrolled in the study of Home Missions.

Rev. James P. Wesberry, pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, and J. W. Humphries, a layman in Druid Hills Baptist Church, both of Atlanta, have been named to fill vacancies on the Board, Dr. Lawrence announced.

The Home Mission Board asks that Southern Baptists continue to pray for the workers and especially for the special evangelistic effort that is being planned for our Centennial Year.

By—The PINE GROVE CHURCH

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Florida is one of the great mission fields of the South. People are here from everywhere. The cities are crowded. New sections are building all around. These must be evangelized and new churches organized. They are thronged with girls from the small town and rural communities and with the armed forces. These must be reached and enlisted by our churches and mission workers. The rural communities are bulging with opportunity for mission work. The churches of these communities are ready to go forward with a little help from the State Mission Board. It is through this special State Mission Offering that we are able to help with these problems in the cities and rural sections.

The Mission Board is already doing something about this situation. There are four Superintendents of Missions in four of our larger cities. This is joint work with the State Board and the Home Board paying the salaries of these workers. The State Board is paying the salary of a City Superintendent of Missions in Panama City and also of a fine young couple who are at work with the Tampa superintendent, Clifford Walker.

The Mission Board now has five promotional workers in five sections of Florida. Each of these has four associations where he promotes the whole program of Florida Baptists. They are building fields where the pastor can live among his people. They are helping to enlist the churches in evangelism, Sunday School, Training Union, and Brotherhood work. There are two other sections of Florida we hope to have a worker in by the first of next year.

The Arcadia Children's Home, Stetson University, Six Promo-

tional workers, Mission workers in Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami, Pensacola and Panama City, missionaries to the Indians, all get help from our State Mission Program. Supporting State Missions supports more than just one object. 65 per cent of every dollar given to the Co-Operative Program stays in Florida.

RAIFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Quotations from address given by C. S. Longacre, Dec. 11th, 1943: "I am going to speak to you on the Greatest Menace in the Present Emergency. The nations of the earth have never faced a greater emergency than that of the present era. They are engaged in the mightiest conflict of the ages—striving for victory and mastery over each other in opposing camps. The outcome of the struggle depends not so much on superior numbers and equipment as upon ability, endurance, integrity and the rightness of the cause.

Our boys in the Army canteens are permitted to buy and drink all the beer they can hold. A soldier boy in charge of one of these canteens stated that the Army post of which he had charge sold more than \$3,000.00 worth of beer on a single Saturday night to the boys in the camp. This same camp had eight such Army canteen posts where beer was sold that night. That camp was right here in your own state of Michigan.

Instead of having 177,790 saloons as we did in the old saloon days just before the eighteenth amendment was enacted, we now have 396,629 places where liquor is licensed to be sold in restaurants, drug stores, department stores, grocery stores, and other places too numerous to mention. Liquor is in politics more than ever; drunkenness has increased at a terrific rate; bootlegging thrives as never before; our taxes have been tremendously enlarged, crime and juvenile delinquency have broken all bounds, and our youth and women are being exploited and debauched by the liquor mongers on a scale that beggars all description.

Oh, may our Father in Heaven cause our nation to wake up to our responsibility to Him, and cause us to earnestly seek His will and guidance in our voting, and in our living for Him. May we so live before the young people of our Nation that they will want to know the Christ we love and serve.

—LAWTEY BAPTIST CHURCH

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

May 1, 1943 — April 30, 1944

As the day of victory draws nearer in this tragic war, Southern Baptists face the greatest missionary needs in their history. We shall be called upon to minister to millions around the world who will be hungry for physical food and for spiritual food. Southern Baptists should have an understanding of the times to know what they ought to do in such a day of opportunity.

The fact that the whole world is being ravaged by war does not minimize, but rather intensifies, our missionary obligations. The world needs the gospel message more than ever before. We are not to forget that the first American Baptist foreign mission society was organized by Baptists during the war of 1812, in the year the

Capitol in Washington was burned. For our own spiritual advantage, as well as for the spiritual and physical well-being of all nations, we must be obedient to the Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to "make disciples of all nations."

During the dark days of the present, the Foreign Mission Board has been preparing for the dawn of a new day in world missions. Early in 1943, the indebtedness of the Board, which at one time exceeded \$1,620,000, including some debts in mission lands, was paid in full. We are glad to report that a year later the Board had accumulated a reserve of approximately \$1,000,000. Every dollar of this and far more will be needed, when the war closes, to rebuild our missionary work in Europe and in the Orient. More money than ever will be needed this year, not only in preparation for the task of rehabilitation, but to meet the extraordinarily heavy cost of getting missionaries to and from mission fields, and to care for increased expenses due to tremendous inflation in China.

We are glad to report that since December 1937, Southern Baptists have given \$1,340,820.14 for relief purposes around the world. The amount given for this purpose since January 1, last year, exceeds one-half million dollars, of which \$100,000 has been set apart for relief work in Europe and \$100,000 for China, in addition to large amounts already sent to those lands where there is so much suffering and sorrow.

The income for the current work of the Board for 1943 was \$1,530,318.48. The total Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1943 reached \$761,269.79.

Southern Baptists have mission work in seventeen countries: China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Colombia, Mexico, Hungary, Italy, Rumania, Spain, Yugoslavia, Palestine, Syria, Hawaii, with plans to enter Paraguay when the way is open. While we are shut out of Occupied China for the present, the work done in that area by native churches continues with fidelity unsurpassed in missionary annals. Glorious reports come of evangelistic labors in Free China. Last December 1, thirty-nine of our missionaries from occupied China came home on the Gripsholm.

Since April 1943, fifty-two missionaries have been appointed to Southern Baptist foreign mission fields. At the close of the war we should double the number of our active missionaries to meet the incomparable needs and opportunities. We pray the Lord of the Harvest that he will send forth laborers into the harvest field. In the Kingdom of God we should at least match the spirit and devotion of men who have volunteered for military service. The Foreign Mission Board now has 502 missionaries in active service. This list does not include ninety emeritus missionaries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Antioch Church.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION,
NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1944

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Number of W. M. U. Organizations in Association	7
Number of Auxiliaries	12
Number of Societies doing Directed Community Missions	4
Number of W. M. S. Members	147
Number of Auxillary Members	122
Number of Sunbeam Babies Enrolled	12
Number of Covenant Signing Tithers W. M. S.	63
Number of Covenant Signing Tithers Auxillary	?
W. M. S. Memberships in 100,000 Club	12
Mission Study Courses W. M. S.	12
Awards Study Courses W. M. S.	126
Mission Study Courses Aux.	3
Mission Study Awards to Auxiliaries	50
Persons engaged in Directed Community Missions WMS.	127
Number in Directed Community Mission Auxiliaries	44
Subscriptions to Royal Service	93
Subscriptions to The Commission	10
Subscriptions to Home Mission Magazine	15
Subscriptions to The Witness	114

CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Florida Baptist Children's Home	2992 Coupons	
	\$ 113.90	Cash and Boxes
Cooperative Program	992.75	
Hundred Thousand Club	12.25	
Cooperative Program by Auxiliaries	12.00	

Weeks of Prayer for:

Home Missions by W. M. S.	\$282.45
State Missions by W. M. S.	232.44
Foreign Missions by W. M. S.	149.87
Locally to Churches (except Starke)	80.95
Local Charity	23.55
W. M. U. Training School	13.07
W. M. U. Margaret Fund	4.87
White Cross by W. M. U.	85.66
Other objects	555.49

Two Auxiliaries were organized this year at Raiford and two revived at Starke.

The following are the names of the newly elected officers of the Association for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. W. C. Carr; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lewis D. Haines; Secretary & Treas., Mrs. H. L. Hough; Publicity Chm., Mrs. V. H. Carden; Mission Study Chm., Mrs. Nubit Kite; Children's Home Chm., Mrs. T. B. Harding; White Cross, Mrs. H. B. Arwood; Training School Chm., Mrs. T. J. Strickland; Stewardship Chm., Mrs. L. E. Wilson; Margaret Fund Chm., Mrs. J. W. Thomas; Community Missions Chm., Mrs. Charles Torres; Young People's Director, Mrs. H. D. Dowling.

By—Mrs. H. L. HOUGH

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
REPORT ON
FINANCING

Our Home at Arcadia has had two excellent years in its financial program. In keeping with many of our denominational agencies it has been laying aside all surplus for a post war program. We must remodel two of our dormitories at the earliest possible time and build one or two new buildings for our children. The total expense involved in remodeling and building will be more than fifty thousand dollars. These improvements will be made as soon as possible. It is the hope of our Superintendent to make these repairs and erect the new buildings without a special campaign.

We have one hundred eighteen (118) children in the Home. The increased earning power of our people has made it possible for relatives to keep more of our dependent children in their homes. This should be an incentive for us to give more now and keep giving, as it shows that people will take care of children when they can, and when they find it impossible we should be ready to step in and help prevent any child in our denomination coming to want.

The educational program, both secular and religious, is paramount in our Home. Our children go to the city schools and to the First Baptist Church in Arcadia. They make their contribution to the life of the school and community. We have three young people in Stetson this year.

The Home always does its utmost to develop leadership in our boys and girls. They teach Sunday School classes, work in Training Union and assist in all phases of church life. A program for the development of our children and young people that majors on the scholastic ability of the child and the spiritual development of his soul is worthy of the support of every Christian organization as well as every individual everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

October 14, 1943—Amount brought forward	\$ 75.02
October 14, 1943—From the Association at Antioch.....	47.00
October 14, 1943—Special to Baptist Children's Home.....	42.45
October 31, 1943—From Union at Kingsley Lake.....	38.64
Jan. 30, 1944—From Union at Beulah	40.00
April 30, 1944—From Union at Dedan	51.53
July 30, 1944—From Union at Water Oak	38.50
Total Receipts	\$ 333.14

DISBURSEMENTS

October 14, 1943—To Baptist Children's Home	\$ 42.45
Nov. 16, 1943—To Aged Ministerial Relief	18.14
December 16, 1943—For Programs at Beulah	2.50
December 28, 1943—Postage80
December 29, 1943—For Associational Minutes	49.93
March 2, 1944—To Aged Ministerial Relief	20.00
March 24, 1944—Clerk's Salary	25.00
April 28, 1944—For Programs at Dedan	2.50
May 2, 1944—Aged Ministerial Relief	28.38
June 28, 1944—Postage60
June 30, 1944—For Programs at Water Oak	2.50
August 2, 1944—Aged Ministerial Relief	18.00
August 25, 1944—Stationery	2.10
August 25, 1944—For Associational Programs to Raiford.....	2.00
Sept. 27, 1944—For Programs at Evergreen	2.50
October 3, 1944—Postage61
Total Disbursements	\$ 218.01
October 17, 1944—Amount on hand	115.13
October 18, 1944—Received from Churches to Assn.	64.00
October 18, 1944—Special Offering at Assn.	23.01

Signed,

T. B. PINHOLSTER, Clerk and Treasurer



HONORED DEAD

This page is dedicated to the memory of the following named loved ones who have answered the final call during our associational year:

Deacon R. D. Griffis	Mr. L. R. Denmark
Mr. Ben Sasser	Mrs. Susie Howell
Mr. Edward Mosely	Mrs. Edward Mosely
Mr. T. L. Weeks	Mrs. J. H. Barry
Mrs. Annie Tyson	Mr. L. E. Wilson
Mr. L. F. Wilson	Mrs. Daisy Bryant
Mr. Louis T. Carr	Sgt. Herman Bryan
Deacon J. M. Brownlee, Sr.	Mrs. P. E. Canova, Sr.
Mrs. J. H. Lord	

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Church	Superintendent	C. Roll	Beg.	Pri.	Jr.	Int.	Y. P.	Ad.	Ext.	Gen. Off.	Mission S. S.	Grand Total	Enrollment	Avg. Att.	Baptisms From	S. S. Graded	S. S. Standard	Teachers Holding Diplomas	V. B. S.	
Antioch	John Hargrave	10	6	9	14	17	10	16	5	2	0	89	41	4	Yes	No	0	Yes	0	Yes
Brooker	L. L. Parker	0	12	12	12	13	13	12		9	0	83	40	0	No	No	0	No	0	No
Corinth	T. N. Norman											37	20	0						
Graham												56	27	3	No	No	0	No	0	No
Heilbronn	E. J. Harris	0	12	8	10	16	0	10				36	24	7	No	No	0	No	0	No
Hope	Mrs. W. D. Garrett			7	10		10	7		2	0	52	30	1	Yes	No	0	No	0	No
Kingsley Lake	T. L. Saunders	6	9	6	4		25		2			59	47	0	Yes	No	0	No	0	No
Lawley	J. T. Prevatt	16	5	5	12	6	9	6	0			57	38	9	Yes	No	0	No	0	No
N. Pl. Grove	R. F. Gallop	12	8	10	12	6	9					3	0	52	42	1	Yes	No	0	No
Pine Grove	Joe Ben Hooker	8	6	9	9	6	11			3	0	131	83	19	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	5	No
Raiford	M. E. Tompkins	10	13	16	42	18	5	17	7	3	0	275	110	16	Yes	No	9	Yes	9	Yes
Starke	P. M. Barefoot	20	19	38	54	31	10	60	35	8	0									
Water Oak	(No Record)																			
New River	(No Record)																			
Gadara	(No Record)																			
Dedan	E. E. Stokes	2	12	4	11	5				5		34	25		No	No	0	No	0	No
Beulah	(Not Any S. S.)																			
Evergreen	(No Record)																			
Boatdrain	Ralph Gainey	5	5	10	10	18				5		53	20		Yes					
TOTALS		64	98	126	201	137	63	202	47	39		1014	547	63	8	1	14	2		
Last Year		49	110	128	197	151	95	192	55	18		995	537	60		1	43	4		

William Wilson.

Church Directories	Baptisms and Members, Etc.	S. Schools	Tr. U. W. M. U.	Church Property	Church Finances	Missions, Etc.
When Constituted	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Non-Resident Members	Revival Meetings Held	Observances of Lord's Sup.
Antioch	1872-Full 7	271	114	1	3	4
Beulah	1890-Full 1	75	25	1	3	4
Boatdrain	1844-Full 1	17				
Brooker	1900-Full 5	114	1	2	12	1
Corinth	1885-Full 9	89	1	3	1	3
Dedan	1884-Full 2	89	1	4	2	4
Evergreen	1884-Full 9	93	1	4	2	4
Gadara	1874-Full 4	93	1	1	1	1
Graham	1816-Full 3	77	11	1	2	2
Heilbronn	1908-Full 8	106	34	1	4	4
Hope	1876-Full 3	172	61	2	4	4
Kingsley	1894-Full 1	139	61	2	4	4
Lawley	1894-Full 1	139	61	2	4	4
New River	1883-Full 4	16	102	17	4	25
N. Pl. Grove	1896-Full 16	212	17	1	4	32
Pine Grove	1906-Full 17	212	17	1	4	32
Raiford	1877-Full 17	113	26	1	2	14
Starke	1877-Full 31	462	400	4	100	1
Water Oak	1814-Full 1	40				
TOTALS	114	2176	389	16	49	218
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Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value All Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Total for All Missions Including Co-op. Program and "Specials" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans, Etc.
Antioch	2500.00	2500.00	-745.00	1010.51	42.68	120.84
Beulah	100.00	100.00	-710.00	809.24	50.00	177.75
Boatdrain	2775.74	2775.74	773.00	803.00	102.82	173.26
Brooker	2500.00	2500.00	185.00	346.47	35.00	70.00
Corinth	850.00	850.00	-232.60	428.69		
Dedan	1000.00	1000.00	149.06	271.06	20.00	
Evergreen	500.00	500.00	112.00	163.80	20.00	
Gadara	950.00	950.00	130.00	501.58	106.90	
Graham	2000.00	2000.00	-92.52	1356.12	60.00	
Heilbronn	5000.00	5000.00	154.00	392.86	15.00	
Hope	1000.00	1000.00	87.00	2342.13	271.53	
Kingsley	2500.00	2500.00	154.00	229.00	60.00	
Lawley	2500.00	2500.00	500.58	887.79	15.00	
New River	5000.00	5000.00	1980.00	3693.72	58.34	
N. Pl. Grove	1500.00	1500.00	-1080.00	393.72	55.00	
Pine Grove	3600.00	3600.00	1980.00	1927.04	79.00	
Raiford	5000.00	5000.00	-1832.80	6626.56	274.94	
Starke	1000.00	1000.00	240.00	262.74	2418.99	
Water Oak	1000.00	1000.00	240.00	262.74	40	
TOTALS	47,775.74	47,775.74	11,229.68	123,475.19	2,189.09	4,829.88

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